

American Legion posts in California and the second oldest in Orange County.

The newly formed Post 132 met for nearly a decade in the Orange City Hall basement until the Legion Hall was dedicated June 3, 1928. For several years, the Legion shared the facility with the Orange Armory of the National Guard, which used the basement for firing practice. The basement now houses a unique Military Museum that displays items from the American Civil War to present day.

Not only is Post 132 one of the oldest American Legion posts in the country, it is one of the most active. Post 132 Legionnaires keep a full calendar of fundraising events for veteran causes, programs for holidays like Flag Day and Veterans Day, and outreach activities to local schools and community groups to talk about the importance of honoring those who fought for our country.

In support of developing future leaders, Post 132 sends high school students to the annual Boys State and Girls State summer leadership and citizenship program. In addition, Post 132 sponsors local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops.

Post 132 is a combination of four "families" that includes its veteran Legionnaires, an Auxiliary Unit that is part of the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world, a Sons of the American Legion unit made up of descendants of parents or grandparents who served in the military, and a Riders Chapter, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who participate in parades and other events that raise funds and foster camaraderie.

The American Legion Post 132 family has, in all aspects, provided extensive service to our veterans and has fostered patriotism and good citizenship, especially for our youth.

More than 500 veterans from throughout Orange County belong to Post 132. Throughout its long history, its members past and present have fought in every war and major military conflict since World War I.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the more than 100 years of outstanding service to our community by American Legion Post 132, and the service of the hundreds of veterans who are members of this patriotic organization.

HONORING COMMUNITY HEALTH OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, founded in the late 1960s, Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated was established in order to answer the call of service for members of the community. Many minority residents of Miami-Dade County lacked access to health care due to the existing segregation of medical care in the South. Other migrant farmworkers were uninsured, preventing them from obtaining preventative or ambulatory care. Doris Ison recognized the need to provide care for all, regardless of race or economic status, having been a farmworker herself who immigrated from the Bahamas. Inspired by the American dream, Mrs. Ison was a catalyst for action and inspired local leaders, organiza-

tions, and members from her church to establish Community Health of South Dade, Incorporated in April of 1971.

Beginning as two trailers off U.S. Highway 1, today, the mission has expanded to 11 health centers. Additionally, 35 school-based centers were established in order to serve the needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County's underprivileged children. Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated offers services ranging from Primary Care, Urgent Care, Pediatrics, Behavioral Health, Radiology, Dental, Vision, and many others. Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated again answered the call for service during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing testing and telehealth medical services. True to Mrs. Ison's vision, CHI provides care for the uninsured and low income in Miami-Dade County, as well as the insured.

In 2016, Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated received the Governor's Sterling Award. They are designated as the second federally qualified health center in the nation to be a behavioral health medical home, are certified as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, and are accredited by the Joint Commission. To carry on the legacy of Mrs. Ison, the Brodes H. Hartley, Jr. Teaching Health Center helps to train the next generation of medical professionals.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating their 50th anniversary. As Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated celebrates this milestone, I am grateful for all this organization has done to serve the needs of South Florida.

HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE OF CHARLES SMITH

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic life of Charles Smith on the occasion of his passing.

Mr. Charles Smith was born in Keene, New York in 1924 to Samuel and Elsie Smith. In 1943, he was drafted to fight in World War II and joined the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division. Mr. Smith had grown up skiing during intense winters in Upstate New York and decided to enlist as a ski trooper, soldiers specifically trained for mountainous warfare. His unit was sent to Italy where they fought in the Apennine Mountains and the Po Valley, at one point fighting for 20 continuous days and crossing 120 miles. Facing snipers, mines, and machine guns, his unit experienced the highest casualty count for their size and period in combat with 992 deaths and 4,000 wounded.

While bravely defending his country, Mr. Smith was injured by enemy shrapnel but courageously continued to fight alongside his unit. Mr. Smith was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his heroic service to his country.

After the war, Mr. Smith married his wife, Roberta Louisa Manley, and had three children. He became a carpenter and worked on building Plattsburgh Air Force Base. Always dedicated to his community, he was also a

proud volunteer at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital for over a decade.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Charles Smith, and his brave and selfless service to his country. It is my hope that his fearless spirit and bravery will be carried on by those who knew and loved him.

CONGRATULATING THE MOLINE HIGH SCHOOL BASS FISHING TEAM ON WINNING THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BASS FISHING STATE COMPETITION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bennett Glessner, Dustin Goderis, and Elijah Medina of the Moline High School Bass Fishing Team on winning the Illinois High School Association's State Bass Fishing Competition. This is their second time achieving this honor.

The team won the state title with a fish that was 20 pounds, 3 ounces. As a former student athlete, I admire the Moline High School Bass Fishing team's patience and determination. I am proud that this team represents Moline so well throughout the state.

It is because of the hard-working student leaders such as those on the Moline High School Bass fishing team that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Moline High School Bass fishing team for their state title win.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BELTA TORRE SGAMBELLURI PEREZ

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Belta Torre Sgambelluri Perez. Belta was a leader whose commitment to service and devotion to community has and continues to inspire generations throughout our island. We will fondly remember her as an innovative entrepreneur and tireless advocate that has helped shape the history and future of Guam.

Widely known for her pioneering efforts in cultivating a new industry for the island, Belta is an icon of pageantry and performing arts. Following her reign as Guam's 1961 Liberation Queen, she earned her associate's degree in Education and Theater and bachelor's degree in Education and Communication from the University of Guam and San Jose State University respectively. She then utilized her extensive training and background in the arts to establish the first John Robert Powers School in Guam and the Philippines. Providing formal training and mentorship to thousands of students for over 50 years, Belta developed an institution that admirably encourages our youth to pursue their dreams, foster their talents,

and use their skills to leave a positive impact on society.

In addition to her passion for connecting the People of Guam with greater opportunities, her personal mission to give back to others poured out into numerous other parts of community life. Over the years, Belta served as an Administrator for the Guam Department of Education, Instructor at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, Marketing and Advertising Director at Foremost McKesson Guam, Writer at the Pacific Daily News, Columnist and Editor at the Guam Tribune, Producer and Host of Woman's World at KUAM TV/Radio, Afternoon Show Host at KGTF, and Director for the Miss Hemisphere USA Pacific/Asia Area. As a devout Catholic Daughter, she also dedicated invaluable time as both an active supporter of Catholic Social Services and the Alee Women and Children's Shelter and mentor for the High School Continuation Program.

With countless achievements that extend from being listed among the 1971 and 1976 Outstanding Young Women of America, inducted into the Modeling Association of America International Hall of Fame, and featured in Pageantry Magazine, to being granted a Guam Visitors Bureau Lifetime Achievement Award and recognized as the 1985 Guam Business Woman of the Year, 2018 and 2019 National iPop School Director of the Year, and Guam Business Magazine's 2019 Lifetime Business Woman, it is clear that Belta uniquely invested in and touched the lives of many through her work.

Belta Torre Sgambelluri Perez was a woman of faith and an example of generosity who continues to inspire generations of mentors and leaders. I extend my deepest condolences to her family and friends, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating her life and legacy of selfless service, empowerment, and holistic community growth. Belta will be deeply missed, and her love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

RECOGNIZING GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S 150TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grace Episcopal Church, which is celebrating its 150th year of service to the community of Mount Clemens, Michigan.

In 1849, Michigan's first Episcopal Bishop, the Right Reverend Samuel McCoskry, ordained Reverend Edward Magee in Mount Clemens. At the time, in the absence of a permanent house of worship, a small group of Episcopalians began meeting for services in the Macomb County Courthouse. In 1867, the early congregation obtained land for a church building, which was completed in 1871.

Since 1895, the parish has honorably served the Mount Clemens community with outreach programs. Today, Grace Episcopal maintains a Women's Prison Ministry, Sunday Soup Kitchen, and Wednesday Community Supper. The church also offers shelter to residents in need through partnerships with the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter

Team and the Macomb County Warming Center.

Grace Episcopal Church exemplifies "Beloved Community" by welcoming and assisting people of all backgrounds. The church website proudly states: "Among us are folks of great heart including the walking wounded of every sort: those suffering addiction and homelessness, restless children, honored elders, surly teens, seekers, gays and lesbians, good Christians, hopeless sinners, dyed-in-the-wool traditionalists, & more."

I am proud to have the honor of recognizing Grace Episcopal Church today and to mark this sesquicentennial event for the congregation. I encourage my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the entire Grace Episcopal community as they celebrate one-hundred-and-fifty years of ministry and service in Mount Clemens.

CONGRATULATING JOE LUNA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GALESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Joe Luna, who is retiring from the Galesburg Police Department after 26 years of service.

Since becoming an officer over two decades ago, Officer Luna has been an honorable steward of the city of Galesburg and a dedicated public servant. As a detective, he investigated cases leading to criminal prosecution, and as Galesburg School District 205's School Resource Officer, he was an invaluable member of the community. Anyone who has walked the halls of Galesburg High School understands the impact Officer Luna had on students of all backgrounds. During his tenure, he kept our children safe, listened to their stories, offered advice, and was an ever-friendly face to every student without reservation.

It is because of determined and compassionate leaders such as Officer Luna that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Officer Joe Luna on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his 26 years of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT MICHAEL RUDD

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Sergeant Michael Rudd. Immediately following his 2002 high school graduation, Sgt. Rudd served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force before going on to join the U.S. Army National Guard. After his military service came to an end, Sgt. Rudd continued to serve his country and community. He then became a law enforcement officer for LaPaz County, where he would re-

main in service to his community until his passing. Sgt. Rudd worked tirelessly for the people of LaPaz County, hoping to soon become a Lieutenant within the sheriff's office. His entire life was spent in service to the people of his community, state, and country.

Madam Speaker, I wish to offer my deepest condolences to Sgt. Rudd's entire family. He is survived by his wife Amanda and their 6 wonderful children. His contributions and public service will never be forgotten by the state of Arizona or the people of LaPaz County.

HONORING JACQUELINE PRATHER FOR RECEIVING THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacqueline Prather for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Jacqueline Prather is the dedicated Child Care Director of the Plattsburgh YMCA Bright Beginnings. She embodies everything the YMCA stands for and always does her job with respect and care. In addition to her work at the YMCA, she is a military wife who has supported numerous community projects at every location her husband has been stationed. Her impact over the past 25 years has been exceptionally far-reaching. She has worked to ensure over 2,000 babies, toddlers, and preschoolers have a loving place to prepare for kindergarten.

Ms. Prather truly embodies the spirit of care present throughout the North Country. She is a wonderful role model for girls throughout the region. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Ms. Prather for her commitment to young people and her community, and congratulate her for this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. DANIEL JOSEPH BENISHEK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and legacy of Dr. Daniel Joseph Benishek, who passed away recently after a lifetime of service to the First District and the state of Michigan. Through his dedication to his patients and constituents, Dan changed the lives of countless Michiganders and became an indispensable part of his community.

A native Yooper, Dan was born in Iron River, Michigan, on April 20, 1952, and he spent his childhood in the western Upper Peninsula until his graduation from West Iron County High School in 1970. With an inherent drive to serve others, Dan furthered his education at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University School of Medicine. After completing medical school, he returned